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SUBJ: CSCE: SOVIETS HINT AT OPPOSITION TO CSCE DISCUSSION OF
CYPRUS

REF: A. GENEVA 5467

1. FIRST SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY ON NEW ROUND OF CSCE TALKS CONTAINS
A HINT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT WELCOME INTRODUCTION OF THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM INTO CSCE PROCEEDINGS (REFTEL). IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY
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AUGUST 31 BY ITS FOREIGN EDITOR A. GRIGORYANTS SAYS: "NOT

EVEN THE MOST DRAMATIC EVENTS--THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR
LAST OCTOBER AND THE CURRENT CYPRUS CRISIS--SHOULD PUT IN
QUESTION THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE." LEST HE BE ACCUSED
OF DOWNGRADING THE IMPORTANCE OF CYPRUS, GRIGORYANTS ADDS THAT,
ON THE CONTRARY, ME AND CYPRUS EVENTS UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE
OF A SUCCESSFUL CSCE CONCLUSION FOR ENSURING SECURITY ON THE
EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND IN THE WORLD.

2. IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY OTHERWISE PICKS UP WHERE THE SOVIETS LEFT
OFF IN JULY. IT CITES CSCE PROGRESS, INCLUDING THAT MADE ON
BASKET THREE PREAMBLE, WHICH IT EXPLICITLY CONNECTS TO PRINCIPLES
OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE. IT EXPRESSES OPTIMISM
ABOUT A SUMMIT FINALE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. IT MAKES RITUAL
NOISES ABOUT WESTERN CIRCLES TRYING TO MUCK UP BASKET THREE,
ADDING THAT THE ABSURDITY OF THEIR DEMANDS IS INCREASINGLY
RECOGNIZED AT THE CONFERENCE. FINALLY, IT BETRAYS NO NEW
FLEXIBILITY IN SOVIET TACTICS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES, AND INDEED
SUGGESTS THAT SOME ISSUES HAVE NOT MATURED ENOUGH FOR RESOLUTION
"TODAY" AND CAN THEREFORE BE PUT ON "TOMORROW'S AGENDA."
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